

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
August 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dwayne Ariola declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Gerald Anderson
Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Mitch Drummond

Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Mark Schroeder, Assistant City Attorney
Dianna Barker, City Clerk

Absent: Mayor Brandt Rydell

INVOCATION – Father Alberto gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Taylor Chamber of Commerce Four Star Accreditation

Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola read the proclamation and presented it to Tia Stone, Chamber of Commerce President.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Darrell Mayberry, 1114 Burkett St. – concerned about excess people living in the house next door and not enough parking for that many; tenants blocking his house with their cars; wants City to put up no parking sign at his property.

BOARDS & COMMISSION PRESENTATION

2. Update from Public Arts Advisory Board.

Richard Stone gave a brief presentation on their Vision Statement and the principals that statement reflects, the first steps the Board has taken since being formed and their proposed FY 2020 projects to include their Coming Out Party, a process to legitimize the art wall in Potters Alley and the process for art wall at Pierce Park.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to receive the Public Arts Advisory Board presentation as presented. Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried 4 to 0.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approve minutes from July 25, 2019 regular Council meeting and August 1, 2019 special called budget workshop.

4. Concur with preliminary financials for June 2019

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried 4 to 0.

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

5. **Consider introducing Ordinance 2019-21 increasing the over 65 property tax exemption.**
Jeff Wood, Finance Director - This ordinance will increase the Over 65 ad valorem property tax exemption to \$25,000 from the current amount of \$17,500. Council directed staff to draft this ordinance at the August 1, 2019 budget workshop meeting.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR AN ANNUAL EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00) FOR PERSONS WHO ARE SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BEGINNING IN TAX YEAR 2019; AND HAVING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND HAVING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

No action was taken. Ordinance introduced.

6. **Consider introducing Ordinance 2019-25 amending the FY2018-2019 Budget.**
Jeff Wood, Finance Director - The purpose of this budget amendment is to have the budget reflect the actual financial activity that has occurred during the first three quarters of FY2018-19. Mr. Wood briefly went over the items to be amended and the reason for the amendment.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-11 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2018, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; BY AMENDING THE AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GENERAL FUND THAT PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAY AND BY CHANGING THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY.

No action was taken. Ordinance introduced.

7. **Hold Public Hearing and Consider Resolution R19-21 in support of the application for a Safe Routes to School Grant.**
Jim Gray, Public Works Director, introduced Cindy Metro with Langford Community Services who gave a brief presentation on the Safe Routes to School grant. Resolution R19-21 will approve the submission of the TxDOT Safe Routes to School application for new sidewalks on Mallard Lane. Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola requested staff make sure residents along that area will be informed of the project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola opened the public hearing at 6:26pm. With no one appearing, the public hearing was closed at 6:26pm.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution R19-21 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried 4 to 0.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

8. Receive and accept the quarterly investment report by Patterson & Associates.

Jeff Wood introduced David Meserve of Patterson & Associates who presented an economic update and the City investment holdings for the third quarter which covers a period from April 1st through June 30th. The City's portfolio book value as of June 30, 2019 is \$37,476,638.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to accept the quarterly investment report as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried 4 to 0.

9. Receive Taylor Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report for April-June, 2019.

Tia Stone, Chamber of Commerce President presented a Report of Activities and Budget for the Chamber of Commerce as it pertains to the administration of the Hotel Occupancy Tax grant contract as required by Section 3.3 of the Agreement between the City of Taylor and the Taylor Chamber of Commerce. This report covers April-June 2019.

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to accept the Chamber of Commerce quarterly report as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried 4 to 0.

10. Discuss and establish upper limit of the ad valorem tax rate, take a record vote, and set dates for the public hearings.

Jeff Wood - The purpose is to provide Council information on the effective and rollback tax rate and have Council establish an upper limit of the ad valorem tax rate. The three tax rates that are calculated by Williamson County Tax Assessor's office (effective, rollback and debt tax rate) are:

- Effective Tax Rate: \$0.742109/\$100
- Rollback Tax Rate: \$0.809469/\$100
- Debt Tax Rate: \$0.197664/\$100

The proposed tax rate is \$0.809469/\$100. Brian LaBorde explained the reason for proposing the rollback rate is due to SB 2, Tax Reform and Transparency Act of 2019, and the effect it creates by limiting the city's ability to increase their capacity for future operation and maintenance for planning purposes such as capital projects. The reform, which takes effect next fiscal year, reduces the tax cap from the current 8% to 3.5%.

The two proposed public hearing dates are August 22nd and September 5th. Council is scheduled to set the tax rate on September 12th.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to establish the upper limit of the Ad Valorem tax rate at \$0.809469 and to set the public hearings on the tax rate and budget on August 22, 2019 and September 5, 2019, both at 6pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond.

Dianna Barker called for a record vote by asking each Council Member how they vote.

Mitch Drummond voted yes.

Dwayne Ariola voted no.

Robert Garcia voted yes.

Gerald Anderson voted yes.

(Mayor Rydell was not present)

Motion carried 3 to 1 with Mayor Pro-Tem voting no.

11. Consider mid-year Appointments to various Boards & Commissions.

Dianna Barker stated that these are the mid-year appointments that need to be made to fill vacant seats of various Boards and Commissions. There are 5 Boards that need appointments.

Library Board

| Current Member | Reason for Appointment | Applicants | New Member |
|----------------|------------------------|--|--------------|
| Lois Duncan | Resigned | Tiffany Price, Nora Roy, Brandi Lujano, B.J. Burrows, Diana Rucker, Dr. Carol Portillo | B.J. Burrows |

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to appoint B.J. Burrow to the Library Board. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Main Street Board

| Current Member | Reason for Appointment | Applicants | New Member |
|----------------|------------------------|---|--------------|
| Megan Randig | Resigned | Richard Stone, Stacey Smith, Ryan Stiba | Stacey Smith |

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to appoint Stacey Smith to the Main Street Board. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Moody Museum Board

| Current Member | Reason for Appointment | Applicants | New Member |
|----------------------|------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Rebecca O'Bryan-Lieb | Resigned | Matthew Plowman, Tammy Sharp, Travis Summerlin, Terry Pierce | Matthew Plowman |
| Julia O'Bryan | Resigned | | Terry Pierce |

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to appoint Matthew Plowman to the Moody Museum Board. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to appoint Terry Pierce to the Moody Museum Board. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Tree Advisory Board

| Current Member | Reason for Appointment | Applicants | New Member |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Christi Stromberg | Resigned | Tiffany Price | Tiffany Price |
| Vacant | New seat in 2014 | | |

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to appoint Tiffany Price to the Tree Advisory Board. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried 4 to 0.

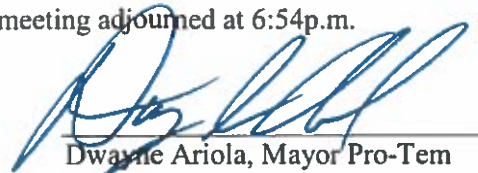
Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA)

| Current Member | Reason for Appointment | Applicants | New Member |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Gayle Collins | Not willing to be reappointed | April Young | April Young |
| Alternate | | | |
| Alternate | | | |


Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to appoint April Young to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried 4 to 0.

ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola declared the meeting adjourned at 6:54p.m.


Dwayne Ariola, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:


Dianna Barker, City Clerk

